

# The Cloud Family

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no further mention of the matter is made, it is likely that the offense was of minor importance.

On September 8 & 9, 1681, William Penn granted to William Cloud, 500 acres of land to be laid out in Pennsylvania. William Cloud and family came to Pennsylvania in the latter part of 1682. This land was laid out and surveyed to the southward of Naamans Creek, but it was afterwards discovered to be in New Castle County, Delaware. On July 20, 1713, the same was confirmed unto his heirs by a new patent. Taxes seem to have been levied upon this land, both in Chester and New Castle Counties, as he presented a petition to the Provincial Council, "ye 25th of ye ffirst month, 1689, in ye Councill Roome. Post Meridian." (See Minutes of the Provincial Council, edition 1838, Vol. I, page 222.) The petition was as follows:--

Wm. Cloud his Petition was read setting forth his being taxed for ye Levies of one and ye same tract of Land in both ye County of New Castle and ye County of Chester, the wch tract of Land was laid out as in ye County of Chester and was part of ffive hundred acres he bought in England of the Proprietor.

"Ordered that the Secretary write a Letter in the name of the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Councill, to ye justices of The County of New Castle, to Inquire into the matter, and Certifie to ye Govern<sup>r</sup> and Councill the grounds of their having interrupted him, as is therein Expressed, if it so proved, with what Convenient Speed they Could, and in the meantime to Suspend the Levying ye payment Complayned of till further Order."

On 4th 9th Mo. 1689, is the following further minute in this matter: (See *ibid*, page 269.)

"A petition was likewise exhibited to this board from Wallo Rawson, setting forth That he was distrayned upon by Cornelius Eapson, for County Rates, in the County of New Castle, Whereas his Lands lay in the County of Chester, where he had always till then been Rated & payed, so. It was Ordered, That he continue to pay in the County of Chester untill the Two Counties shall have the Moors of the sayd Countyes otherwise determined. And the Justices of New Castle do order the Restoring of the distresse taken by Eapson.

"A like Petition was Exhibited from Wm. Cloud, upon like cause of distresse, And it was Ordered in his behalf as in Wallo Rawson's."

It seems that William Cloud did not himself settle upon this tract of land, but lived in Concord township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The name of his wife is not certainly known and she probably died prior to the family coming to America. In the Certificate of the marriage of his son William Cloud, Jr., in 1676, William Cloud, Sen., signs as the first witness, and his name is followed by the name of Susan